

Fact Sheet
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**Production Flexibility Contract Data and
Marketing Assistance Loan Rates —
Crop Years 1996-1998**

Production Flexibility Contracts (PFC) are administered by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Participating producers receive fixed payments and are also eligible for commodity loans for the agricultural crops listed below.

Farms eligible to receive payments under PFCs are those enrolled in the 7-year program when a one-time sign-up was held, except for

farms with Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts expiring after the sign-up, which may be enrolled when the CRP contract expires. The one-time sign-up was held in 1996, and contracts began with the 1996 crop and extend through the 2002 crop.

Under the Marketing Loss Assistance payment program, as authorized by a supplemental appropriations act, an additional payment of

\$2.857 billion was issued for 1998 participants. Data for 1996 through 1998 are shown below.

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Additional details about Production Flexibility Contracts (including the latest data on payments) are available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ao/epas.htm>

TABLE 1. Contract Enrollment Data, 1996 through 1998

Crop	1996		1997		1998	
	Enrolled Number of Farms	Enrolled Contract Acres	Enrolled Number of Farms	Enrolled Contract Acres	Enrolled Number of Farms	Enrolled Contract Acres
Wheat	953,995	76,673,982	966,349	76,662,592	988,032	78,904,816
Corn	1,235,795	80,726,420	1,250,326	80,911,431	1,276,877	82,020,773
Sorghum	343,724	13,093,078	347,607	13,097,711	355,335	13,619,306
Barley	216,309	10,528,502	219,898	10,537,870	222,131	11,184,197
Oats	513,334	6,176,378	520,984	6,186,042	528,797	6,474,592
Cotton	164,632	16,202,154	166,623	16,212,964	170,961	16,412,385
Rice	22,382	4,157,904	22,930	4,157,215	23,401	4,161,376
Total	1,681,921	207,558,418	1,699,702	207,765,825	1,734,699	212,777,445

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TABLE 2. Contract Payment Data, 1996 through 1998

Crop	Units	1996				1997				1998			
		Payment Rates			Total Payments (Millions)	Payment Rates			Total Payments (Millions)	Payment Rates			Total Payments (Millions)
		Advance	Final	Total		Advance	Final	Total		Advance	Final	Total	
Wheat	¢/bu.	31.0	56.4	87.4	\$1,940	30.5	32.6	63.1	\$1,397	32.5	33.8	66.3	\$1,496
Corn	¢/bu.	12.0	13.1	25.1	\$1,745	29.5	19.1	48.6	\$3,385	18.0	19.7	37.7	\$2,633
Sorghum	¢/bu.	15.5	16.8	32.3	\$201	30.5	23.9	54.4	\$338	21.0	24.2	45.2	\$287
Barley	¢/bu.	11.5	21.7	33.2	\$137	12.5	15.2	27.7	\$114	13.0	15.4	28.4	\$120
Oats	¢/bu.	1.0	2.3	3.3	\$9	1.5	1.6	3.1	\$8	1.5	1.6	3.1	\$9
Cotton	¢/lb.	3.875	5.007	8.882	\$699	3.7	3.9	7.6	\$598	3.94	4.23	8.17	\$637
Rice	\$/cwt.	1.390	1.376	2.766	\$455	1.37	1.34	2.71	\$448	1.47	1.45	2.92	\$478
Total					\$5,186				\$6,288				\$5,660

TABLE 3. Marketing Assistance Loan Rates, 1996 through 1998

Crop	Units	1996	1997	1998
Wheat	\$/bu.	2.58	2.58	2.58
Corn	\$/bu.	1.89	1.89	1.89
Soybeans	\$/bu.	4.97	5.26	5.26
Sorghum	\$/bu.	1.81	1.76	1.74
	\$/cwt.	3.23	3.14	3.11
Barley	\$/bu.	1.55	1.57	1.56
Oats	\$/bu.	1.03	1.11	1.11
Upland Cotton	¢/lb.	51.92	51.92	51.92
ELS Cotton	¢/lb.	79.65	79.65	79.65
Rice	\$/cwt.	6.50	6.50	6.50
Minor Oilseeds	¢/lb.	8.81	9.30	9.30

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Assistance Loan Rates — Crop Years 1996-1998**TABLE 4. Production Flexibility Contract (PFC) and Marketing Loss Assistance (MLA) Payments as of January 2, 1999**
(dollars in thousands)

State	1996 PFC	1997 PFC	1998 PFC	1998 MLA	State	1996 PFC	1997 PFC	1998 PFC	1998 MLA
Alabama	40,473	38,635	39,637	19,670	Nebraska	303,284	490,079	400,413	198,997
Alaska	113	96	155	72	Nevada	1,293	976	966	481
Arizona	48,637	41,440	42,309	21,008	New Hampshire	299	580	443	220
Arkansas	270,106	255,660	268,742	132,863	New Jersey	2,282	3,507	2,800	1,393
California	214,427	194,562	200,674	99,509	New Mexico	20,730	22,033	20,117	9,983
Colorado	99,056	101,528	96,114	47,658	New York	23,104	38,973	30,735	15,218
Connecticut	658	1,278	967	481	North Carolina	59,245	70,823	63,822	31,656
Delaware	4,079	5,771	4,657	2,315	North Dakota	309,717	245,050	247,588	123,010
Florida	7,674	8,611	8,227	4,045	Ohio	124,606	193,394	157,378	78,129
Georgia	78,962	78,253	78,502	38,890	Oklahoma	186,653	144,925	151,754	75,356
Idaho	88,020	66,874	69,826	34,555	Oregon	45,905	34,098	36,894	18,278
Illinois	336,921	591,846	468,925	233,023	Pennsylvania	17,639	30,341	23,817	11,837
Indiana	167,655	292,296	231,256	114,769	Rhode Island	23	43	33	16
Iowa	350,207	680,533	535,725	266,112	South Carolina	29,480	31,458	29,836	14,814
Kansas	422,166	416,601	398,216	197,813	South Dakota	151,778	183,084	161,727	80,335
Kentucky	44,129	69,417	58,091	28,846	Tennessee	54,024	58,311	56,186	27,917
Louisiana	142,426	136,703	141,860	70,292	Texas	487,815	498,896	489,111	242,770
Maine	635	1,094	882	437	Utah	8,220	7,088	7,529	3,743
Maryland	13,191	19,554	15,839	7,855	Vermont	1,024	1,945	1,495	738
Massachusetts	419	804	624	310	Virginia	19,540	25,456	21,843	10,829
Michigan	77,451	122,137	98,700	48,936	Washington	116,986	87,833	93,892	46,558
Minnesota	261,555	383,863	325,186	161,484	West Virginia	1,632	2,813	2,229	1,106
Mississippi	141,278	128,367	134,458	66,653	Wisconsin	86,512	159,885	125,596	62,373
Missouri	153,290	191,719	177,051	87,856	Wyoming	9,063	8,588	8,578	4,262
Montana	161,765	120,332	128,208	63,658	Total US	5,186,148	6,288,152	5,659,613	2,809,127

For further information about Production Flexibility Contracts, including contract terms and methods used to calculate payments and marketing assistance loan rates, see the Farm Service Agency Fact Sheet entitled "Production Flexibility Contracts and Marketing Assistance Loans."